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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-5 and 7-28 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 28 have been amended.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 7-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Ahmed et al. (US 6,816,460). Applicant believes this rejection has been overcome by the amendments indicated above in view of the remarks that follow.

Applicant respectfully asserts that Ahmed et al. does not teach or suggest at least some of the features of independent claims 1, 7 and 18, as amended.

Specifically, for example, Ahmed et al. does not teach at least the claimed feature of *establishing a sub-network of at least some mobile devices of said mobile ad-hoc network having installed therein said common application software*, as recited, in paraphrase, by amended claims 1, 7 and 18.

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Notwithstanding the contention in the Office Action that Ahmed et al. discloses a software application to establish an ad-hoc network, Applicant respectfully asserts that Ahmed et al. do not teach and/or disclose software that can detect an installed application software in mobile devices of an ad-hoc network and, further, do not teach or disclose establishing a sub-network of at least some mobile devices that have a common application software installed therein, as recited in paraphrase by amended independent claims 1, 7 and 18.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1, 7 and 18 are not anticipated by the Ahmed et al reference, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to these claims. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully asserts that amended independent claims 1, 7 and 18 are patentable, and thus allowable, over all the prior art on record, taken separately or in any combination.

Claims 2-6, 8-17 and 19-28 depend from patentable base claims 1, 7 and 18, respectively. In this regard, in addition to any independent bases for patentability, Applicant respectfully submit that claims 2-6, 8-17 and 19-28 are patentable over the cited reference(s) by virtue of at least such dependency on patentable base claims 1, 7 and 18. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-7 and 8-28 be withdrawn.

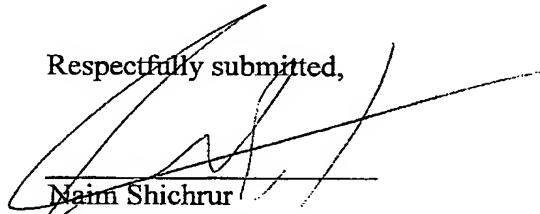
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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